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Business Manager, BILLY WHITTER

The Duke of Cumberland

The title of our yearbook is that of William Augustus, third son of King George II and Queen Caroline of England, born April 15, 1721, and created Duke of Cumberland when only five years of age. It was for him that our County was named.

The Duke was well-educated and excelled in outdoor sports. He sailed as a volunteer in the fleet in 1740, hoping to fulfill his parent's ambition to see him lord high admiral. He disliked the navy, however, and early in 1742 decided upon a military career. Soon he became major general and saw much service in Germany, where his valor and energy in battle won popularity for him with the people of his homeland.

The Duke was again promoted to the office of lieutenant general and two years later, having been made captain general of the land forces at home and in the field, he was again in Flanders as Commander-in-chief of allied British, Hanoverian, Austrian, and Dutch troops. Despite being a severe disciplinarian, he inspired his men with a strong attachment to him personally, and a lively esprit de corps. Because of his severity as a disciplinarian, he earned the nick name of "Butcher", which he said to be an unjust taunt, which was encouraged by his brother and used for political purposes.

Although his popularity once brought him an income of 40,000 pounds a year in addition to his royal revenue, he finally was forced to retire from all public offices. He had done excellent work with the army during ten years of peace, but when defeat came to him in the Seven Year's War, he felt himself disgraced. His death followed October 20, 1765, before he ever regained his former prestige.

Cumberland High School

Cumberland, Virginia

E. Armstrong Smith, Principal

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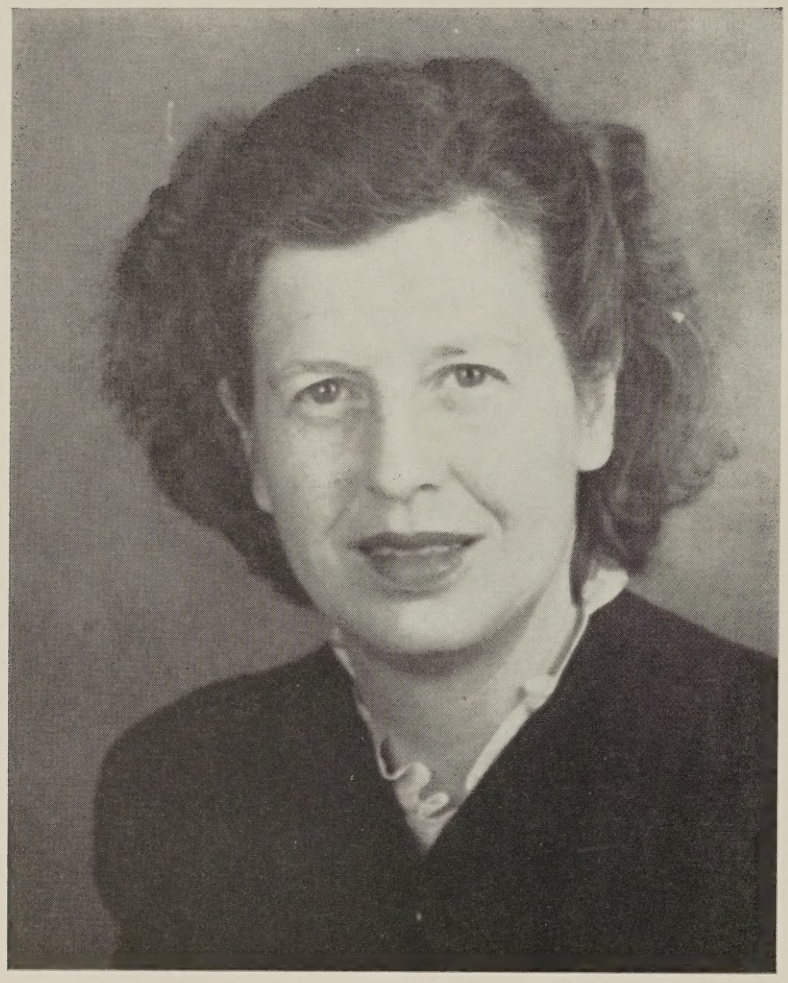

Dedication . . .

We, the Staff, in appreciation for all the advice, inspiration, and assistance so cheerfully and helpfully rendered us, dedicate our 1946 "Duke" to Lolita Cox Smith, who through observation, study, and experience, has developed the art of understanding, analyzing, and encouraging those with whom she lives. It is through contact with such a one that the youth in quest of knowledge is able to find his standard and the ideal by which he may be guided.

Foreword

The 1946 Staff has fashioned together the written page and the pictured page of the Present with the cement of sentiment. We have a memory all our own—but one that we will share. It's sentimental, but it is fun and frolic, too. However we give it only a smile and a sigh and onward we go. To the Staffs that will follow our trail we leave the privilege of picturing by word and by camera more splendid buildings, a campus more beauteous, and the telling of a progress that will show our Alma Mater to have a higher standard, a finer dignity, and a greater influence.

The Staff

Jerry Boggs ..... *Editor-in-chief*
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Billy Whitter ..... *Business Manager*
Ruth Walker ..... *Assistant*
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Mary Alice Ragland ..... *Junior Editor*
Jack Boggs ..... *Sophomore Editor*
Audrey Sanderson ..... *Freshman B Editor*
Eric Robinson ..... *Freshman A Editor*

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Faculty

The Faculty

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Latin, English, History
University of Virginia
William and Mary

Miss Ruby Blanton
Math, Algebra, Plane Geometry
Farmville, S. T. C., B. S.

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William and Mary, B. S.

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William and Mary, B. S.

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Womans' College, U. of N. C., B. S.
Columbia University, M. A.
University of North Carolina

Mr. E. Armstrong Smith, *Principal*
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William and Mary, B. S., M. A.
University of Virginia

Mr. Edwin Vassar
Agriculture Education
Virginia Polytechnic Institute, B. S.

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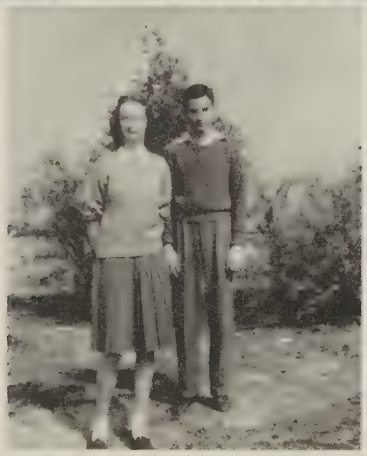
Personalities



Most Versatile

Page Burnett
Billy Whitter

Most Musical

Jeanne Baker
Wilbur Jamerson

Most Popular

Dot Carter
Eldridge Sanderson

Most Athletic

Sadie Bowen
Andrew Danby

Most Intelligent

Jerry Boggs
Sam Thompson

Most Attractive

Nancy Blanton
Marion Meador

Most Likely to Succeed

Ruth Walker
Guthrie Goodman

Most Dignified

Peggy Pleasants
Earl Spillman

Classes

The Seniors

OFFICERS:

President ..... PAGE BURNETTE
Vice-President ..... NANCY BLANTON
Secretary-Treasurer ..... BILLY WHITTER
Reporter ..... RUTH WALKER

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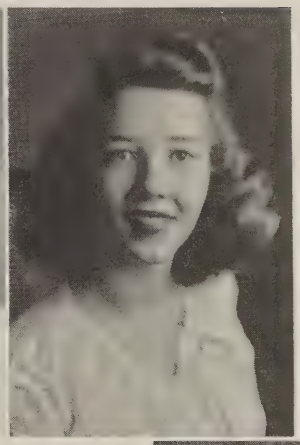
Seniors

James Andrew Addleman

"Jack"

"Bright of eye."
Secretary of 4-H Club 1; President Class 2.



Jeanne Guy Baker

"Jeanne"

"Sunny smiles, friendly, musical."
Hamilton 1, 2; President Class 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Vice President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 3; Vice President 4; Home Ec. Club 1, 2; President 2; Softball 2; Annual Staff 3, 4.

Nancy Jean Blanton

"Nancy"

"Loyal, best friend ever, cheerful."
Hamilton 1, 2; Reporter Class 3; Vice President Class 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 3, 4; Class Editor 4.

Kathleen Boggs

"Jerry"

"Personality, flair for drama, winsome smile."
Secretary and Treasurer Class 1; Vice President 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Reporter 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Secretary and Treasurer 2; Annual Staff 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief Annual 4.

Sadie Elizabeth Bowen

"Sadie"

"Loveliness, poise, good sport."
John Randolph 1, 2; Reporter 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 2, 4; Secretary Home Ec. 4; Softball 3; Basketball 3; Annual Staff 4.

Seniors

Virginia Page Burnette

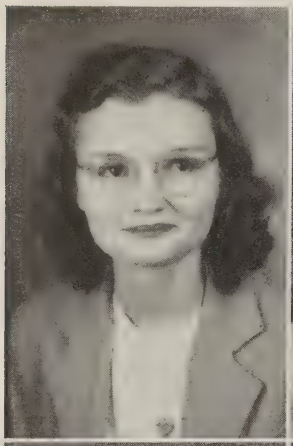
"Page"

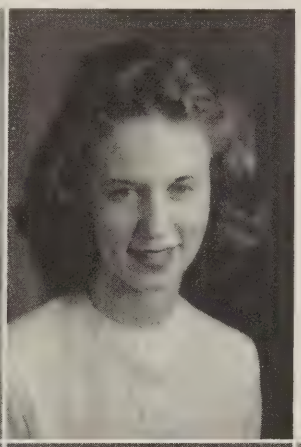
"Competent leader, alert student, happy person."
John Randolph 1, 2; President Class 2, 4; Vice President 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Secretary 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Treasurer 3; Home Ec. Club 1; Assistant Editor of Annual 3.

Dot Marye Carter

"Dot"

"Fun-loving, eyes twinkling at some secret."
President Class 1; Secretary and Treasurer Class 2; Secretary Class 3; Dramatic Club 3, 4; President 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Softball 3; Basketball 3; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Annual Staff 3.





Coleman Guthrie Goodman

"Guff"

"As merry as the day is long."
Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F. F. A. Club 3; Treasurer 3; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Wilbur Franklin Jamerson

"Wilbur"

"Genial, alert, fun-loving."
Hamilton 1, 2; Glee Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4.

John Henry Johnson

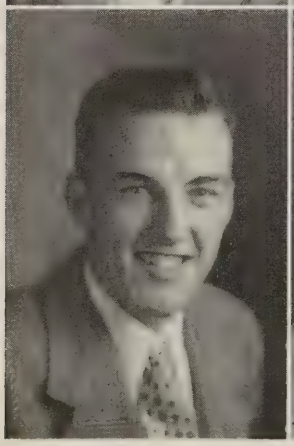
"Johnny"

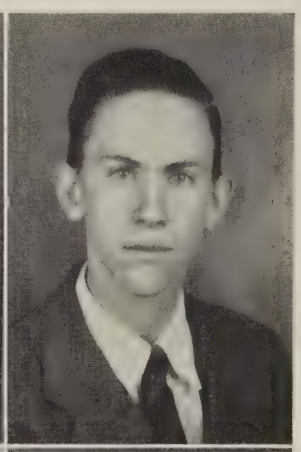
"Straight-forward, happy, responsible."
John Randolph 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Club 1, 4; President 4; Baseball 1, 2.

Frances Catherine Johnston

"Kit"

"Winning in her ways, adapting herself to people or surroundings with easy grace."
John Randolph 1, 2; Reporter 1; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1; Softball 3; Annual Staff 4.





Andrew Jennings Danby

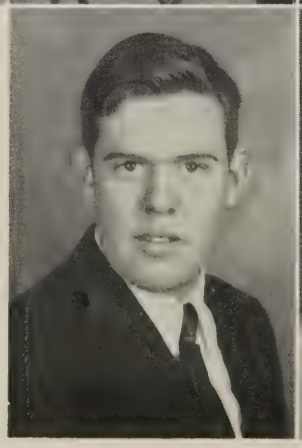
"Andrew"

"Musical, frank, outspoken in manner and speech."
Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4.

Marguerite Virginia Dent

"Dootsie"
"Steadfast, loyal, unassuming."

Hamilton 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 4.



Seniors

Marion Hartwell Meador, Jr.

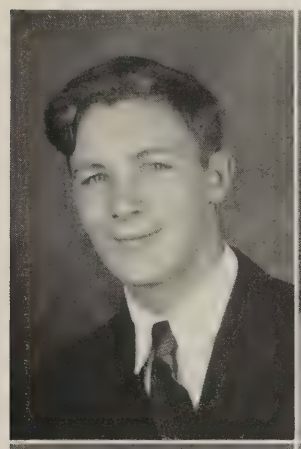
"Marion"

"Happy-go-lucky, a genuine friend."
Hamilton 2; Vice President 1; Dramatic Club 3, 4; F. F. A. Club 3; 4-H Club 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4.

Eldridge Walton Sanderson

"Eldridge"

"Sunny personality, wit both clever and refreshing."
Hamilton 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; F. F. A. Club 1, 3; Treasurer 3; Watchdog 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Annual Staff 3.



Sam Andrew Thompson

"Sam"

"Elf-like humor, friendly, sincere."
John Randolph 1, 2; Vice President Class 1; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Basketball 4.

Ruth Vernon Walker

"Ruth"

"So fair, so fine in character and purpose."
John Randolph 1, 2; Reporter Class 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1; Annual Staff 3, 4; Class Editor 3.

William Gordon Whitter

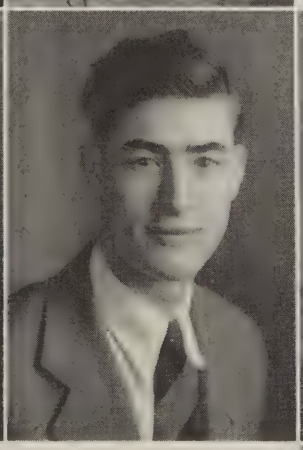
"Billy"

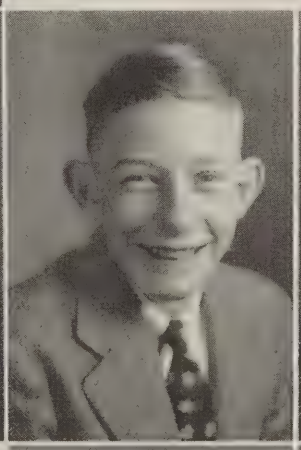
"Neat, business-like, friendly."
Hamilton 1, 2; Secretary and Treasurer 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Treasurer 3; F. F. A. 2, 3; President 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; School Treasurer 3; School Auditor 4; Annual Staff 3, 4.

Marjorie Ellen Wilson

"Marjorie"

"Sedate, quiet, pursuing knowledge."
Hamilton 1, 2; Home Ec. 1, 2, 4; Vice President 4.





Peggy Ann Pleasants

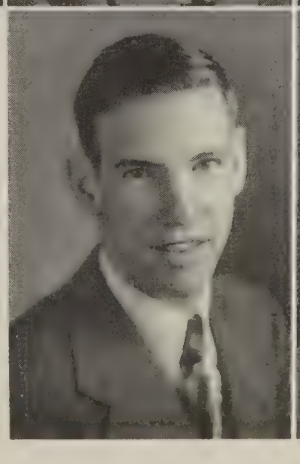
"Peggy"

'Dancing feet, poise and beauty."
Hamilton 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2.

Earl Raymond Spillman, Jr.

"Junior"

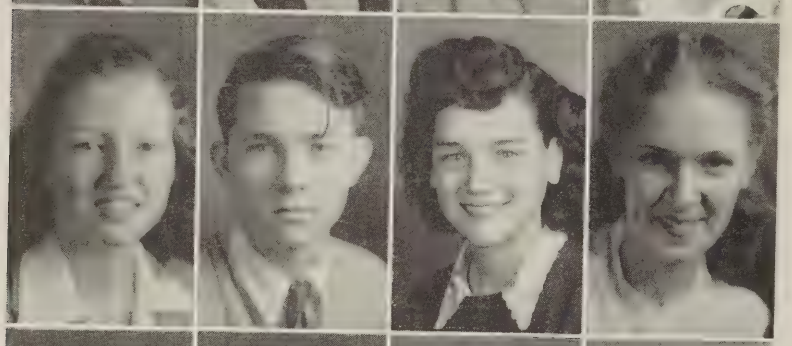
"Alive brown eyes, friendly, interested in everything."
John Randolph 1, 2; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2; Secretary 2.



Juniors

Jack Allen
Shirley Atkinson
Billy Ayres
Ruby Barker

Garland Blanton
Mary Bowling
Aubrey Brown
Eva Bell Brown



Ann Burnette
Willard Calhoun
Nell Cloninger
Jacque Carter

Donald Deane
Annie Dowdy
Robert Ehrhart
Nellie Elgin

Frank Foster
Mildred George
Jean Gordoner
Roy Hatcher

Juniors

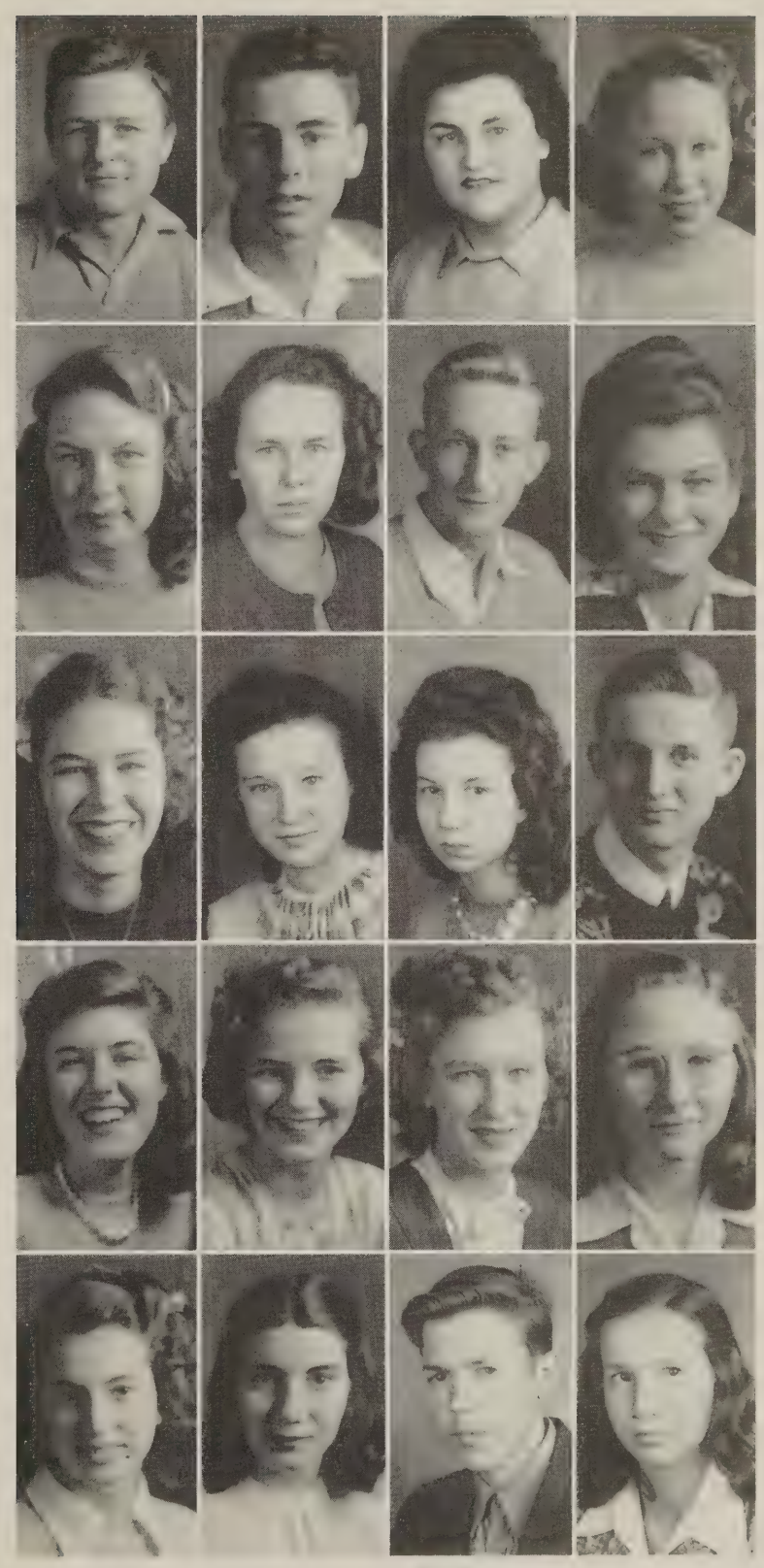
Andrew Johnston
Buddy Keller
Lois Lewis
Virginia Marion

Sara McCraw
Margaret Midkiff
Gordon Miller
Minnie Morgan

Betty Munsey
Margie Ownby
Mary Alice Raglanc
J. A. Ransome

Virginia Raymond
Dolly Smith
Evelyn Smith
Mary Smith

Jean Spillman
Garnett Trent
Reed Wilson
Hester Wright



CLASS OFFICERS

Betty Munsey ..... *President*
Frank Foster ..... *Vice President*
Jean Spillman ..... *Secretary-Treasurer*
Gordon Miller ..... *Reporter*

Sophomore Class

OFFICERS:

President ..... Julia Baker
Vice-President ..... B. B. Stonnell
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Robert Agee
Reporter ..... Frank Baber

First row: Left to right—Esther Zimberg, Anne Vaughan, Dan Huddleston, Julia Baker, B. B. Stonnell, Robert Agee, Frank Baber, Nettie Deane.

Second row—Miss Blanton, Jack Boggs, Clayton Johnston, Otelia Hazelgrove, Margaret Ingle, Eleanor Hudgins, Rita Pollard, Frances Moorefield, Dot Pipjunge, Mary Elizabeth Yeatts, William Blackwell, H. G. Atkinson.

Third row—Mary Jane Smallwood, Lillian Bruce, Marie Ashburn, Georgianne Key, Paul Francis, Hayes Whaley, Henry Pfeiffer, Everett Carnes, Kenneth Bates, Hunter Meador.

Freshman A

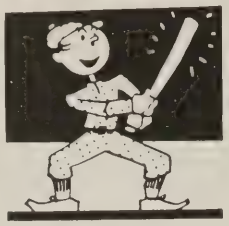
OFFICERS:

President ..... Anne Foster
Vice-President ..... Wilson Shores
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Harold Sutton
Reporter ..... Lillian Guthrie

Freshman B

OFFICERS:

President ..... Kathleen Nelson
Vice-President ..... P. L. Duncan
Secretary and Treasurer ..... Thomas Ragland
Reporter ..... Jeanette Furr



ACTIVITIES

F.F.A.

Baseball

Softball

4-H

Home Ec. Club

Basketball

Glee Club

Dramatics

F. F. A. Club

OFFICERS:

President ..... John Johnson
Vice-President ..... Clayton Johnston
Secretary ..... Kenneth Bates
Treasurer ..... Donald Dean
Reporter ..... Gordon Miller
Watch Dog ..... J. A. Ransome

First Row:
Mr. Sanderson, John Johnson, Gordon Miller, Donald Dean, J. A. Ransome, Clayton Johnston, Mr. Vassar.

Second Row:
Dan Hudleston, James Addleman, Roy Hatcher, Jack Allen, Lewis Pfeiffer, Aubrey Brown, Reed Wilson, Everett Carnes, Kenneth Bates.

Third Row:
Hayes Whaley, William Blackwell, Robert Earhart, H. G. Atkinson, Henry Pfeiffer.

Home Economics Club

OFFICERS:

President ..... Dot Carter
Secretary ..... Sadie Bowen
Vice-President ..... Marjorie Wilson
Treasurer ..... Esther Zimberg
Reporter ..... Rita Pollard

First Row—Left to right:

Eva Bell Brown, Saddie Bowen, Dot Carter, Marjorie Wilson, Esther Zimberg, Rita Pollard, Nettie Dean, Julia Baker, Catherine Fridley, Marguerite Engle, Dolly Smith.

Second Row:

Mary Elizabeth Yates, Frances Moorefield, Otelia Hazelgrove, Gertrude Baldwin, Catherine Fraizer, Jean Ann Carter, Eleanor Hudgins, Dot Pipjurge, Georgianne Key, Grace Baldwin, Evelyn Smith, Lois Lewis, Alice Cutright, Catherine Cutright, Lillian Bruce, Mary Jane Smallwood.

Third Row:

Jeanette Furr, Ann Vaughan, Kathleen Nelson, Marguerite Dent, Audrey Sanderson, Frances Smith, Lillian Guthrie, Mattie Emerson, Nellie Elgin, Nell Clanginger, Marie Ashburn, June Adams, Eleanor Hudgins.

Baseball

Front Row:

Mr. Vassar, coach; Andrew Danby, pitcher; William Whitter, infield; Marion Meador, infield; J. A. Ransone, outfield; Garland Blanton, infield; Buddy Keller, pitcher.

Second Row:

Aubrey Brown, infield; Gordon Miller, outfield; William Blackwell, outfield; Willard Calhoun, infield; Mr. Smith, coach; Donald Deane, outfield; Eldridge Sanderson, infield; Clayton Johnston, infield; Earl Spillman, outfield; John Johnson, manager.

Basketball

Mr. Vassar, coach; Earl Spillman, center; Gordon Miller, center; Buddy Keller, guard; Marion Meador, guard; Eldridge Sanderson, forward; William Whitter, guard; Andrew Danby, forward; Guthrie Goodman, guard, B. B. Stonnel, forward; J. A. Ransone, forward.

Softball

Front Row:

Garnett Trent, Eva Bell Brown, Hester Wright, Minnie Morgan, Nell Cloninger, Mary Smith.

Second Row:

Annie Dowdy, Catherine Johnston, Dolly Smith, Nellie Elgin, Ruby Barker, Dot Carter, Mrs. Smith.

Absent: Sarah McCraw, Mary Bowling.

Dramatic Club

OFFICERS:

President ..... Dot Carter
Vice-President ..... Billy Whitter
Treasurer ..... Frank Foster
Secretary ..... Page Burnette
Reporter ..... Jerry Boggs
Director ..... Miss Bessie Lou Parker

Front Row:

Eva Bell Brown, Virginia Mae Raymond, Jerry Boggs, Page Burnette, Miss Parker, Dot Carter, Jeanne Baker, Ester Zimberg, Eleaner Hodgins.

Second Row:

Billy Ayres, Mildred George, Francis Moorefield, Jack Boggs, Hunter Meador, Jacque Carter, Betty Munsey, Ruth Walker, Ruby Barker, Catherine Johnson.

Third Row:

Billy Whitter, Frank Foster, B. B. Stonnell, Buddy Keller, Marion Meador, Eldridge Sanderson, Earl Spillman, Andrew Johnston, Andrew Danby, Sam Thompson, Wilber Jamerson, John Johnson, Guthrie Goodman.

Not in picture: Ann Burnette.

Glee Club

OFFICERS:

President ..... Page Burnette
Vice-President ..... Jeanne Baker
Treasurer ..... Dot Carter
Secretary ..... Betty Munsey
Reporter ..... Mary Alice Ragland
Director ..... Miss Agee

First Row—Left to right:

Eva Bell Brown, Mildred George, Betty Munsey, Miss Agee, Page Burnette, Jeanne Baker, Anne Vaughan, Esther Zimberg, Eleanor Hudgins.

Second Row:

John Johnson, Minnie Morgan, Mary Smith, Anne Foster, Catherine Johnston, Mary Alice Ragland, Mattie Emerson, Ruth Walker, Jacque Carter, Dot Carter.

Third Row:

Jack Boggs, Paul Francis, Frank Foster, Billy Ayres, Buddy Kellar, Andrew Danby, Eric Robinson, Bobby McKay, Margaret Midkiff, Shirley Atkinson.

The 4-H Club

OFFICERS:

President ..... Dot Carter

Vice-President ..... Mary Smith

Secretary and Treasurer ..... Lois Honeycutt

Song Leaders ..... Ann Foster—Jack Boggs

Seated—First Row:

Margaret Ingle, Jack Boggs, Miss Blanton, Mary Smith, Margaret Midkiff, Evelyn Smith, Dot Carter, J. A. Ransone, Guthrie Goodman.

Standing—Second Row:

Frances Smith, Marie Ashburn, Audrey Pipjunge, Dot Pipjunge, Grace Baldwin, Georgiann Key, Lillian Guthrie, Anne Foster, Virginia Marion, Minnie Morgan, Jacque Carter, B. B. Stonnell, Frank Baber, Jr., Edith Dowdy, Gertrude Baldwin.

Standing—Third Row:

Dan Huddleston, Frank Foster, Jack Allen, Roy Hatcher, Wilson Shores, Eric Robinson, P. L. Duncan, Andrew Danby, James Addleman, Allan Hunter, Dennis Meador, Carl Brown, Jr.

Class History

Last year when we met for our first year together there were thirty-two of us. Along our way, seeking more education and hoping to find a job which we thought would be suitable, we lost many of our fellow classmates. Some of them went into different branches of the service, others found things to do which they thought would be more profitable. Howard Baker, Bob Bowman and Louis Lang volunteered for service in the Navy during their junior year. Bernice Berry transferred to Farmville High School and Beulah Moore transferred to Danville High School. Helen Parker, Benjamin Smith, Harry Berger and Allen Wagner said farewell to us, as they entered other fields of endeavor. Doris Wilmer, one of us, married a senior boy of last year, Clyde Calhoun, at the end of her junior year. We hated to lose these members of our Class. The faithful twenty-one left, worked hard and finished the junior year. Even though the going had been difficult, we had had many happy experiences. Some of the things which stand out in our minds are: The Junior-Senior party in 1945, when we entertained the seniors with a picnic supper, games and dancing at the log cabin and Jerry Boggs, Ruth Walker, Dot Carter, Billy Whitter, Sam Thompson and Earl Spillman, members of our class, taking part in the Dramatic Club play which was given in April 1945.

When we came back in September for our senior year, we found that we had gained one new member, Andrew Danby, who played the lead in the Dramatic Club play of '45. Roosevelt Ashburn left us in October to help his father with his farm work. This left twenty-one members. Many of our members took part in various school activities. Eldridge Sanderson, Billy Whitter, Andrew Danby, Earl Spillman, and Marion Meador made the first team in Basketball this year. Page Burnette, Dot Carter, Jerry Boggs, Marion Meador, Sam Thompson, and Earl Spillman took parts in the Dramatic Club play of this year.

One of the most enjoyable events of the year was the party the Juniors gave us in March. As our graduation draws near we regret having to leave the friends which we have made during our two years at Cumberland High School. Many of us plan to continue our education in college or in business schools. Some will enter business. Four of our members, Eldridge, Billy, John and Earl have received an invitation from Uncle Sam, expressing his urgent need for their good company. As they go our best wishes go with them. In behalf of the senior class, I wish to say that we have enjoyed our two years here at Cumberland High School. Our only regret is that we could not have been together longer. Our stay here has been both pleasant and profitable, and we most sincerely appreciate the diligence with which the teachers have worked in preparing us for that which is to follow.

Last Will and Testament

Ladies and Gentlemen, Board of Education, Superintendent, Teachers and Friends:

Upon behalf of my client, the class of 1946, of Cumberland High School, of the County of Cumberland, State of Virginia, U.S.A., I have called you together upon this solemn and serious occasion, to listen to her last will and testament, and to receive from her dying hand the few gifts she has to bestow in her last moments. Cutting so rapidly loose from life, and finding so many things of such gigantic proportion to attend to before the end should come upon her, realizing at the same time that she had no longer anytime left to spend in cultivation of her own virtues, she did, collectively, and individually, deem it best to distribute these virtues with her own hand to those friends to whose needs they seem best fitted. But she has tried to be just as well as generous and impartial, and distribute wisely unto those who will make the most of such gifts as she has in her power to bestow, the talents that have served her so faithfully these four years. These are her decisions as at last arrived at through very deliberate consideration. Owing to her flighty condition of her brain, and the unusual disturbance in its gray matter, she begs me to state for her that she may quite possibly have been mistaken in her inventory; but such things as she thinks she has she hereby gives into your possession, praying that you will accept them as sacred thrust from one who has gone before.

Listen then, one and all, while I read the document, as duly drawn up and sworn to:

We the class of1946, being about to pass out of this sphere of education in full possession of a crammed mind, well trained memory, and almost superhuman understanding, do make public and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore made, or mayhap, carelessly spoken, one to another, as the thoughtless wish of an idle hour.

I, Marion Meador, will my privilege of dancing every Saturday night with Jean Gordoner at Trices Lake to Robert Ehrhart.

I, Jerry Boggs, will my ability to catch all the boys in the surrounding counties to Jacque Carter.

I, Jeanne Baker, will my ability to make A's in all my classes to Garnett Trent.

I, Eldridge Sanderson, will my studious ways and curly blonde hair to Carl Brown.

I, Peggy Pleasants, will my love for Gordon Miller to Virginia Raymond.

I, Page Burnette, will my ability to play the piano for assembly and Glee Club to Margaret Ingle.

I, Sam Thompson, will my dramatic ability to J. A. Ransome.

I, Marguerite Dent, will all my old broken dates with Maurice Zimberg to Mildred George.

I, Wilbur Jamerson, will my musical ability to Garland Blanton, Jr.

I, Andrew Danby, will my melodious voice to Charlie Parker.

I, Billy Whitter, will my interest in Miss Agee to Roy Hatcher.

I, Dot Carter, will my ability to catch and hold a man to Lois Lewis.

I, Catherine Johnston, will all my old government, English and typing notes to Minnie Morgan.

I, Ruth Walker, will my ability as secretary for Mr. Smith to Nellie Elgin.

I, Nancy Blanton, will my ability to flirt with the boys that sit behind me to Ann Foster.

I, Sadie Bowen, will my beautiful blonde tresses to the Baldwin twins.

I, Marjorie Wilson, will all my old addresses and letters from soldiers to Eleanor Hudgins.

I, James Addleman, will my big, blue eyes to Frank Baber.

I, John Johnson, will my job as flag raiser to Jackie Boggs.

I, Earl Spillman, will my basketball leadership to Rudy Johnston.

All the rest and residue of our property, whatsoever of what nature, kind and quality it may be, and not herein before disposed of, We give and bequeath to our beloved principal, for his use and benefit absolutely, and to be disposed of for the coming classes as he sees fit.

The Senior Class leaves to the oncoming Juniors all the broken pencils, notes, books, initials carved desks and cold room.

The Class of "46" leaves to our beloved teachers all the chewing gum stuck under desks and a succession of restful nights and peaceful dreams.

And we do hereby constitute and appoint the said Principal sole executor of this our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, We, the Class of 1946, the testators, have to this our will, written on this sheet of parchment, set our hands and seal the twentieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six.

Prophecy

One June morning in 1952, I, a reporter for the *New York Times* was assigned to cover the success stories of all my Cumberland classmates of '46. To do this I had to make a tour over most of the United States.

Beginning here in New York, I visited the famous designer, Jerry Boggs, on Fifth Avenue. Imagine my surprise to find her latest model, the beautiful Nancy Blanton.

From here I took a plane to Chicago. Overcome with a terrific headache, I closed my eyes and lay my head back. Soon I felt the comforting hand of a nurse on my forehead. I opened my eyes and was very much astounded to find that my hostess was Marjorie Wilson, my old classmate.

Later, walking down the street in Chicago, I stopped immediately as someone called my name. I turned and stared in the face of a tall army lieutenant, none other than Johnny Johnson. He invited me to dinner at the High Hat Night Club. During dinner the manager announced that the star performer of the evening, "The Voice," would now sing a solo. I swooned to the soft musical tune as Andrew Danby sang "Stardust."

The next day I took a bus from Chicago to Phoenix, Arizona. As the bus neared the city I saw a sign advertising the Ringling Brothers' Circus and I decided to see it that night. There was a big crowd and after riding once on the ferris wheel I walked over to watch the acrobats and clowns. I laughed 'til I thought I would die at the stunts and actions of one clown. Later as he made his bow and removed his mask I recognized Sam Thompson.

After staying in Phoenix a couple of days, I called the airport and got reservations to Oakland, California. When I got to the airport I saw a tall, dark man coming out on the field. Coming closer I looked again and was much amazed to find Earl Spillman giving instructions to the pilot. We talked a while and he told me he had done some hard work since school was out. And Brother, I really believed him! I got on the plane and in a few hours I was in Oakland. My things unpacked, I walked down to the beauty parlor of that most famous hair stylist, Marguerite Dent.

California was wonderful and I enjoyed being there, though there was time for very little pleasure. Early the next morning I started again by train to Dallas, Texas. While on the train, a most attractive woman sitting across from me kept looking at me; I couldn't resist looking at her. Finally I got up the nerve to speak and introduce myself. She did the same. Strange as it seemed, it was none other than Dot Carter, whom I hadn't quite recognized. She told me that she was a Home Demonstration Agent, and had a very interesting job. She invited me to go with her to Churchill High School to demonstrate modern refrigeration. I gladly accepted the invitation and went to school with her. As we walked down the hall, guess who we ran into, James Addleman! He was an Agriculture teacher in the same school. He told us those Texas boys were really rough.

Leaving the school, on the way back to the hotel, I picked up a newspaper. Looking through it I saw that a friend of mine was in the hospital. At once grabbing a taxi, I went to see her. While talking to Jane, a young nurse came into the room with fresh water. Surprised? Yes! There was Catherine Johnston, one of my best pals in high school. To make things feel like old times again, we made a date for the movie. After the movie we went by the drug store to get a coke. All at once, a lady came rushing in after a box of aspirins. Everything was very quiet until Catherine shouted, "Jeanne!" Sure enough it was Jeanne Baker. She was now teaching math at the Antonia High School in New Mexico. Since it was summer, she was on her way to Miami Beach, Florida, for her vacation. Our conversation went on and on. She completely forgot about the bus and was left. We spent the night together at the hotel.

Prophecy

To make sure we would catch the bus, we were up early the next morning and off to Miami Beach. When we arrived it was very hot and a swim was in order. The water felt good and after a nice dip, we went ashore. As I carelessly walked along I stumbled over a woman lying on the beach. As I apologized, she looked up, her eyes beaming, a wide smile on her face; "Page", I gasped as I dropped beside her. She was married and had a little music school of her own in Miami. "Lots of fun!" she said. That, I could imagine.

I left Miami that night and went to Atlanta, Georgia. The next morning I went to church. The preacher was very good, the sermon, excellent. On inquiry I discovered the minister was none other than Guthrie Goodman! Will wonders never cease!

The past day had been most pleasant, but I had to journey on to finish my task. From there my train took me to Richmond, Va., where we arrived late in the afternoon. The air was warm, so I went for a walk in the park. A nice looking, intelligent man sitting on a bench, spoke to me and as I, puzzled, looked at him, he said, "I don't think you recognize me." I said, "You're so right." "I'm Billy Whitter. Remember me now?" Remember the mastermind of Cumberland High, I should say I did! Following the good footsteps of his friendly principal, he too had become a principal; the principal of Thomas Jefferson High in Richmond. "Swell life!" he commented. "Reminds we of when I was a kid."

The next day as I went down the street for lunch, a small child, all alone on the street, started out into traffic. I caught her and brought her back. She said she had started alone for the day nursery. After much walking and asking for information, I finally found the day nursery. The head of it was very calm, almost as if nothing had happened. I stood there thinking and letting my mind go back into the years. It came to me, "It's Peggy Pleasants, that quiet, calm girl of our class!" After a short chat she thanked me for bringing the child back.

On I went to lunch. While eating I heard a bunch of girls say that the Brooklyn Dodgers would play at Moore's Field that afternoon. "Why not go?" said I, "I haven't seen a baseball game in a long time." The game was going swell; the catcher was rattling off something as the Cumberland boys used to. My field glasses brought the catcher closer. I just sat there and gasped. After a few minutes I got out "Eldridge, Eldridge Sanderson!" On the way to Philadelphia that night I decided to buy a new dress. At Sears and Roebuck, where I was looking for just the right dress, a tall girl with a few papers in her hand came up. Yes, it was Ruth Walker, whom I could never forget. She told me of her success as private secretary for the manager. She said, "You will be very much surprised to see who the manager is too." I said, "I would? Let's meet him." She took me to the office where Marion Meador rose and said, "Hello Sadie, I'm glad to see you." We talked a while and he asked me if I had heard of the great progress Wilbur Jamerson had made. As I was eager to know, he told me that Wilbur had made an improvement on the Atomic bomb. Wanting to know all about this I made a visit to Harvard University in Massachusetts the next day. I found that Wilbur had become a professor of Science and was fast becoming a great man.

Having finished my task, which I enjoyed, I took the late train back to New York with unforgetable new memories to add to my old ones of my classmates of '46.

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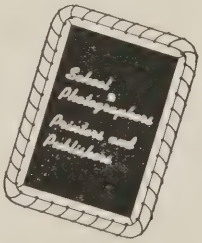

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